

Confidential

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Dear Garrison:

I have passed more than a month at Wartburg this season, talking much & hearing more about "the great cause" "thy soul is sick" (to quote one other poet. Cooper, isn't it?) to discover how shallow is much of that anti-slavery interest in men whom we have considered trustworthy in ^a general sense but made glad again to find new advocates growing up from the period, stronger, better grounded, and less selfish than those who are now failing us. ~~etc.~~: Such men as Grimes in the Senate, and Nelson in the House, both of Iowa. All the holiness has gone out of Chase, & his chap. Barney, (his N. Y. shadow, Collector of the port, & son-in-law of Lewis Tappan) our old friend Stanton, &c. are in "the bond of iniquity." They are pursuing politics only - each dreaming of mounting upwards on the heads of the others, or by their skirts. - What occupies my thoughts, is - the anti-slavery policy. Anti-slavery is now a power to be applied in government and control. It can seize the time. I must send this by to-day's mail, & it is too late to write carefully. You will easily guess out what I omit, being a Yankee.

The best anti-slavery appliance, most economical & effective, will be a daily paper in New York - not to be technically anti-s. - the receipt for that is past. The great material interests of economy are our strongest weapons. The commerce of the day demands statistics, conscientiously collated. This is now an abused ground. To cultivate it well, will give influence & character to a paper, from the start. "The World" is for sale. Cost up to this time, over two hundred thousand dollars. Can be bought for fifty thousand - has

that much property in papers, types &c. Probably immediate cash wanted would be small. The paper now sinks about 200 or 300 dollars a week. would sink, say \$20.00 the next year. Doubtless then begin to pay, & become a part of the government - more powerful than the cabinet. Men must be taken by the beard. Their noses must be wrung - but skilfully. Types are our soldiers. we can overcome all opposition, and do a great service to our age. Directly, inhumanity must be rooted out of Congress. Wendell Phillips must be a senator to take the next vacancy. In short there is but one word in the dictionary of politics - abolition. My only question is - can "the world" be bought? Can a stock Co. be formed with \$100,000 capital, payable in installments - not more than half of it wanted for a year, & perhaps none after that. The finance of old ways of anti Slavery action, is too small to be entertained for the future. The proper editorships can be constituted, and great things can be done.

Now say this, only, before a few judicious people. Now is the time for "new organization" of the old organization. we can shape a bludgeon that will beat out the brains of slavery in all its forms. "The world" is to be sold immediately. Therefore let one hear from you:

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"Men among
Men" \$100,000
thousand more.

we can keep out a President, if we can't make one. we can make a Senate, and a House. we can have our own Cabinet, enough to defeat very bad measures, if not to carry good ones. we can keep the army & the navy, out of the hands of the South. - What can't we do?